How do I get to Friday Harbor?

Friday Harbor is on San Juan Island, Washington, about 75 miles northwest of Seattle. San Juan Island can be reached by scheduled commuter flights from near Seattle (float plane or wheeled aircraft) or via a Washington State Ferry departing from Anacortes, Washington located about a two-hour drive north of Seattle.

If you are flying through Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac), you can arrange a connecting flight on Kenmore Air. Alternatively you can take the "Airporter Shuttle" van from Sea-Tac to the Anacortes ferry landing.

The airport in Friday Harbor is located about 2 miles from Friday Harbor Labs. The seaplane float is near the ferry landing in the town of Friday Harbor, about 1 mile from FHL. There is taxi service from the airport and from town, but you can often get a ride from someone by just asking.

Kenmore Air (1–800–543–9595) flies from Lake Union in Seattle to the sea plane dock in Friday Harbor. Kenmore also has regularly scheduled flights from Boeing Field to Friday Harbor International Airport using wheeled aircraft. Kenmore Air provides a complimentary shuttlebus from Seattle Tacoma International Airport (SeaTac) to Boeing Field or Lake Union; contact Kenmore Air for details about ground transportation, flight schedules and reservations: http://www.kenmoreair.com

Anacortes, from which the ferry leaves for Friday Harbor on San Juan Island, is an 80-mile drive north from Seattle and takes about 1.5 or 2 hours to drive. Take the Burlington/Anacortes exit off of I-5. If you bring your car to Friday Harbor, be sure to arrive at the ferry terminal well in advance of a scheduled sailing, about two hours ahead on weekends (ferries are particularly busy in summer). If you walk on the ferry without a car you need to arrive about one-half hour ahead of a scheduled sailing time. The Washington State Ferry toll-free number within Washington state is: 1-800-84-FERRY, and out of state is: 206-464-6400. The Washington State Ferry schedule can be found on the internet at: http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/schedule/

The Sea-Tac Anacortes Airporter Shuttle provides scheduled van service from Sea-Tac Airport to the ferry terminal in Anacortes. The cost is approximately \$35 one way. Call 1-866-235-5247 for reservations. You may then board the ferry to Friday Harbor in Anacortes as a walk-on passenger. Schedules and rates for the Aiporter Shuttle (from SEA to ANA, Sea-Tac Airport to Anacortes and the ferry to the San Juan Islands) can be found on the internet at: http://www.airporter.com/schedules

The labs are located 1.5 miles (20-30 minute walk) from the ferry terminal or you can call San Juan Taxi at 360-378-3550.

What kind of transportation is available on the island?

There is taxi service (see phone number listed above) but no public transportation. The distance to town is approximately a mile and a half (a long, but pleasant, walk). There is very limited parking on campus for automobiles; many residents find bicycles useful. It is also possible to row an FHL rowboat to town.

How do I get to the Labs once I am on the island?

Coming from the ferry, follow the ferry traffic into town on Spring Street (the main street in FH). Drive 2 blocks and turn right onto Second Street. Drive about four blocks and turn right onto Tucker Avenue at the second stop sign (opposite the High School tennis courts). Follow Tucker about 4 blocks and at the top of the hill, the road forks. There is a green and white sign for Friday Harbor Laboratories. Take the right fork, which is University Road, and follow it 0.3 miles into campus.

May I bring my car?

Yes, however there is limited parking space on campus. Parking permits are not required. Bikes are encouraged.